

**R12-4-201. Pioneer License**

- Amend the rule to require the Department to notify anyone whose application for the license is rejected, and offer information on how to appeal the decision. The Department's objective is to extend the same information that is offered to other license applicants.

**R12-4-202. Disabled Veteran's License**

- Amend the rule to require the Department to notify anyone whose application for the license is rejected, and offer information on how to appeal the decision. The Department's objective is to extend the same information that is offered to other license applicants.
- Delete the requirement that an applicant for a disabled veteran's license submit certification of disability with their application within 90 days of receiving the certification. The Department only issues a license if the applicant can demonstrate permanent disability, and if they can, there does not seem to be a reason to require certification within 90 days of receiving it.

**R12-4-203. National Harvest Information Program**

- The Department will not make any substantive changes.

**R12-4-204. Sikes Act Habitat Management Stamps**

- The Department is proposing to add a new rule to instruct people on the use of a stamp that is authorized under the Sikes Act. Currently, the only stamp that is so authorized is the Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp, which costs \$15.00. The Department has determined that it is necessary to instruct the regulated community on how to use and possess the stamp to account for the various forms a stamp can take.

**R12-4-208. Guide License**

- The Department is amending the rule in general to raise requirements for issuance of a guide license, and to hold licensed guides to a higher standard. The Department thus proposes to amend the rule to delete the list of specific wildlife laws that eliminate an applicant from consideration for a guide license, because it is not inclusive enough. The list will be replaced with a blanket statement that says violation of any federal wildlife law precludes an applicant from receiving a guide license.
- The Department also proposes to amend the rule to preclude an applicant from being issued a guide license if the applicant's privilege to guide or act as a guide is currently revoked or suspended.
- The Department also proposes to amend the rule to preclude an applicant from being issued a guide license if the applicant has been convicted of a violation of a federal or state wildlife law for which a license to take wildlife can be revoked or suspended within five years of the date the application is made. An applicant will only be disqualified from receiving a guide license under this subsection if they have been convicted for such an offense as of 2006.
- Add a new subsection that will give an applicant special consideration if the

applicant violated a wildlife law, but immediately and voluntarily reported the violation. The Department's general objective is to increase ethical standards among licensed guides, not to preclude those who have demonstrated ethical behavior despite their mistakes.

- Amend the rule to allow an applicant to take the guide license exam on the first Monday of the month. This resolves the concern expressed by some that there is no set day for administering the exam, which has affected the effectiveness of the rule.
- Amend the rule to clearly state and emphasize that when a guide and a client are hunting with the aid of dogs, the client shall be present during the pursuit of the wildlife.
- Add a subsection that requires that an individual who acts as a guide shall not aid, counsel, agree to aid, or attempt to aid another individual in planning or engaging in conduct that results in a violation; and that an individual who acts as a guide shall report any violation committed by a client.
- Amend the rule to no longer require that a fishing guide retake the guide exam to renew a license if the guide is convicted of violating a watercraft law. The Department does not believe that violation of watercraft laws necessarily relates to ignorance of wildlife laws, which is the principle knowledge a guide is responsible to demonstrate.

#### **R12-4-215. Tournament Fishing License**

- Repeal the rule. There is no statutory authority to support it.

#### **R12-4-216. Crossbow Permit**

- Delete subsections that place requirements on the agency that are not generally extended to other licensing procedures, and prescribe practices that belong in Department policy. This will not affect how the Department issues crossbow permits.
- Amend the rule to allow any doctor licensed by a state board of the United States to issue a certification of disability. Non-resident hunters have had problems applying for crossbow permits, because they are not reasonably able to receive the required disability certification from an Arizona-licensed doctor, even if they meet the disability criteria.

#### **R12-4-217. Challenged Hunters Access/Mobility Permit**

- Clarify what disabilities make an individual eligible for a CHAMP. The various qualifying disabilities are not always understood.
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